

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1 and 4 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-20 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) accompanies this amendment. If the IDS is not in the PTO file when the examiner considers this amendment, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that a duplicate copy may be provided.

The applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 6-20.

Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the objection noted by the examiner.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Svensson (US 3,799,472). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

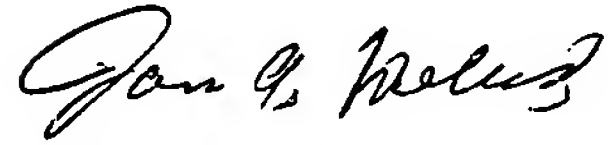
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the hub shaft is a bicycle wheel hub shaft having first and second portions located axially inwardly from corresponding first and second end tips of the hub shaft and dimensioned to fit within corresponding first and second wheel hub shaft openings in a bicycle frame. The word "dimensioned" is a positive and definite limitation. It is acceptable to define the dimensions of a device in terms of the environment in which it is to be used. *Orthokinetics Inc. v. Safety Travel Chars Inc.* 1 USPQ.2d 1081 (Fed.Cir. 1986). Svensson discloses a deep sea fishing reel with a spindle (1) that clearly is not a bicycle wheel hub shaft dimensioned to fit within wheel hub shaft openings in a bicycle frame. Thus, Svensson neither discloses nor suggests the subject matter presently claimed.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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